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Black History at the Old Depot

The Eighteenth Annual Thomas P. Clarke Memorial Black History Month Program sponsored by the Hancock County Branch of the NAACP will be held on Sat., Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot. Children 9 to 19 wishing to participate in the oratorical contest must register on or before Feb. 17 by calling Donna Holton at 466-0973 or Goldie Fairconnetue at 467-4126.

Churches offer musical events

Shiloh Baptist Church at Necaise Crossing, Hwy. 603, will host The Country Road Quartet this Friday, Feb. 16, beginning at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, Old Spanish Trail Baptist Church at 5078 Hwy. 90 West in Bay St. Louis will host an old-fashioned hymn-sing/talent night, from 7 to 9 p.m., with refreshments afterward. For more information, call 466-0220.

The church is located about one mile west of Waveland on the Hwy. 90 service road.

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The Krewe of Selene kicked off the Mardi Gras season in Hancock County Saturday night with its annual parade through Diamondhead. More photos on page 2.

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Party Gras



The official poster of the 2001 Krewe of Nerelds parade, rolling Sunday beginning at 1 p.m.

Mardi Gras begins in Hancock

ECHO STAFF REPORT
Hundreds lined the streets of Diamondhead Saturday for the official start of the Mardi Gras season in Hancock County as the Krewe of Selene hit the pavement for its annual parade to the haunting strains of George Thoroughgood's "Bad to the Bone."

The parades continue this



Houston Langford Miller, right, of Bay St. Louis, and Abigail "Abbey" Dakin Arcement of Kiln will reign as king and queen of the Krewe of Kids parade, which runs this Saturday in Bay St. Louis. Full details on page 3.

Saturday, beginning at 11 a.m., when the Krewe of Kids march and/or pedal from North Bay Elementary on Dunbar Ave. in Bay St. Louis, to Boardman

Ave., then to Leonhard and back up Dunbar.

On Sunday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m., the Nerelds parade will roll for the 35th year.

The Waveland parade begins at Choctaw Plaza at the intersection of Highways 603 and 90 and travels east to the Bay St. Louis line.

It returns to Waveland via Hwy. 90 to Our Shopping Center at Waveland Avenue. More than 100 units are scheduled to participate in this year's event.

This year's theme, "All Aboard the Orient Express,"

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Musgrove mum on Saints, high on Hancock

Gov. pushing for growth of Coast economy

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

"There are bands across the state of Mississippi that can play *When the Saints Go Marching In* as well as any band anywhere else," Gov. Ronnie Musgrove said Tuesday at the 35th annual Hancock Bank Gulf Coast Economic Symposium at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

That was about as close as



Gov. Ronnie Musgrove

Musgrove came to confirming recent rumors that Coast lead-

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Some Shoreline residents don't want county water

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County's Water and Sewer District is facing a minor revolt by Shoreline Park residents who don't want to hook up to a water system coming into the area.

The District's small meeting room off U.S. Hwy. 90 was jammed last Friday with a

delegation led by Dave Sellers, who told Commissioners he lives at 1st Whale Streets.

Sellers said he circulated a petition among his neighbors living in the subdivision on the east side of Hwy. 603 in Shoreline Park, and within

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Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shallbetter

Instructor Janis Mowbray, left, assistant Kim Necaise, and Dr. Gaynell Roberts register students by phone on Tuesday for Community Education Classes. There is still time to register.

Community education program alive & well

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

If you feel like you're in a rut at work, or that you don't have the skills you need to go out and get an interesting job and don't know where to start to make a change in your life, then the City County

Community Education Program could be just what the doctor ordered.

But hurry, because classes begin next week.

Adult Community Education is only about five years old in Hancock County,

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Scene's from Saturday's Krewe of Selene parade in Diamondhead

Echo staff photos by
Geoff Belcher



Kiln baseball, softball registration announced

Kiln boys baseball and girls softball registration is Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7-9 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Registration is open to youths ages 4 to 18 at the Sports Complex on Hwy. 43 (1/8 mile west of Hwy. 603).

Election of local league officials will be Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6-7 p.m. and is open to all parents of last year's players.

Field Work Day will be Saturday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. until. All parents' attendance is requested.

Individuals are needed for coaches, score keepers and (paid) umpires.

Interested individuals may come to registration or call Timmy Cameron at 255-4304, Steven Hoda at 255-3593, Bubbie Breazeale at 255-7095, or Dane Jaynes (umpires), 255-7331.

Dixie Girls offer softball clinic -- free

Bay St. Louis Dixie Girls Softball is hosting a free clinic for all girls ages 4-18.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 9-11:30 a.m. is fielding and throwing; 12:30-3 p.m. is batting. All coaches are welcome also.

Registration for the league will be conducted during this time.

Musgrove

ers were attempting to lure New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson to locate his team at a proposed arena in western Hancock County.

"It is my policy not to discuss potential economic development opportunities," Musgrove said when directly asked about the rumors. "But I will say I am for any economic development opportunity in the state of Mississippi."

And those opportunities are growing larger and more frequent, Musgrove said, thanks to the Advantage Mississippi Initiative and the commitment of state and local leaders to improve the area.

"No place is that more evident than the Mississippi Gulf Coast," Musgrove said to the Coast leaders assembled at the coliseum convention center. "You provide the opportunity for me and other leaders to brag about what's happening

here and in the rest of the state."

David A. Geiger, the Boeing Site director, Rocketdyne Propulsion and Power at John C. Stennis Space Center, echoed Musgrove's enthusiasm for the positive changes going on in the Gulf Coast area, particularly in Hancock County.

"When I first got here in 1996 ... I was faced with the possibility of laying off half my job force," Geiger said. That grim future caused him and others to "begin thinking differently," he said.

Now Boeing and other private corporations with operations based at Stennis are changing the way they do business, both with the public and with the government, leading to an explosive new era of growth and opportunity.

Geiger, like Musgrove, hammered home the idea that Hancock County and

Mississippi's chances to become leaders in the nation hinged on education.

"We're ready and Mississippi is ready," Geiger said, "and we're growing together for something that's going to be really great."



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The City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, has decided to undertake the following project:

- **Proposed Project** - The City of Waveland is applying for Community Development Block Grant Economic Development funds for an access road and drainage improvements to serve the Wal-Mart SuperCenter development.

The proposed project will provide for an access road and drainage to serve the Wal-Mart SuperCenter development.

A portion of the proposed project is located in a floodplain, but there is not a practicable alternative to this location because sites properly zoned that are outside the 100 year floodplain are almost nonexistent in this part of Hancock County. Additionally, the project is to provide for an access road and drainage improvements to serve the Wal-Mart SuperCenter development.

There is a need for economic development in the City of Waveland to provide more jobs for the residents of the City of Waveland.

Local ordinances enacted to participate in FEMA's flood insurance program will be complied with the impact of the proposed action upon the floodplain was evaluated. By observing local sedimentation and erosion control ordinances, there should be little impact upon the floodplain areas.

Every action will be taken to minimize impacts to the floodplain. Compliance with local, state, and federal standards will be made. Planned development with adherence to floodplain conservation ordinance should, in the long run, benefit the floodplain.

Additional information including a more detailed project description and consideration alternatives is on file at City Hall, City of Waveland, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS 39576 and is available for public inspection between the hours of 8-00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Comments on this decision will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on Monday, March 5, 2001, and should be addressed to

Mayor John Thomas Longo • City of Waveland
301 Coleman Avenue • P.O. Box 539 • Waveland, MS 39576

Auction scheduled for luxury Pass estate

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

In the market for a Canadian log mansion on 35 acres with a 10-acre lake stocked with plenty of fish?

Then, bring a certified check for \$30,000 and drive to Cedar Lakes Estate off Vidalia road in Pass Christian on Saturday, February 24.

J.P. King Auction Co., of Gadsden, Ala., the nation's largest auctioneer of luxury homes, will conduct the event, but the home has been opened for inspection for about a week, and has been advertised nationally in the Wall Street Journal and other publications.

Owner Raymond Necaie said he decided to auction the home in order to tap a broader market in the rapidly growing Mississippi coastal corridor.

"With the growth along the coast and the influx of residents, there's a greater demand for upscale properties with privacy and breathing room," said Necaie.

"With an auction, we'll be able to focus nationwide attention on the sale."

The estate is truly a lush, quiet haven nestled in woods that remain home to abundant game, including white-tail deer, dove, duck and quail.

The Western Red Cedar log house blends in beautifully with the serene surroundings.

Necaie said the home was actually assembled in Vancouver, British Columbia in Canada. Then it was disassembled,



Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma

This luxury estate in Pass Christian will be up for public auction on Feb. 24. Potential buyers must have a \$30,000 certified check in hand in order to bid.

bled, and the labeled pieces were shipped to Mississippi for permanent assembly.

"This process ensured that the right materials were here when needed and really reduced the amount of time the Canadian construction crew was required to be away from home," said Necaie.

In addition to the Canadian logs, which average 14 inches in diameter, the Cedar Lake Estate features Italian tile and hardwood floors, Pennsylvania river stone patios and walkways, and cypress tongue-in-groove cathedral ceilings in the living room, dining room and

kitchen. A solarium connects the house with an oversized double garage. Next to the lake is a three-bay boathouse.

"The size of the property provides a very private residence, and parts of it would be suitable for development into high-end estates," said Craig King, president of J.P. King.

"Being only 20 miles from Biloxi, 10 miles from Bay St. Louis and an hour from New Orleans, it has the kind of convenience that makes it especially attractive."

The Cedar Lake home also features rare material and workmanship. A large, spiral log

staircase rises to an upstairs loft that contains a fully-equipped exercise room and wet bar. Balconies with cypress railings overlook the living room, dining room and kitchen. High-end appliances and a security system are included.

Two years ago, J.P. King conducted the successful auction of the Scenic Oaks Estate in Pass Christian, which sold for \$2.9 million. And last year, King auctioned for \$4.9 million the sale of Jackson Ridge, a 631-acre development in Waveland.

For additional information on the Feb. 24 auction, contact J.P. King at 1/800-558-5464.

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Krewe of Kids royalty announced

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A six-year-old Bay Catholic student and a seven-year-old Hancock North Central Elementary student have been selected as this year's King and Queen of the Krewe of Kids parade.

Captain Lisa Cowand said the applicants were chosen by a random draw from 29 nominations sent to her.

This year's King is Houston Langford Miller of Bay St. Louis and Abigail "Abbey" Dakin Arcement of Kiln will reign as Queen.

By coincidence, both of the nominee's names were submitted by their grandmothers.

Judith Blaize, who signed her letter, "Proud Mimi," submitted her grandson's name. She said Miller, who is in Mrs. Stone's kindergarten class at Bay Catholic, has been a rider in the Krewe of Kids parade for the

past three years, "and looks forward to the parade each year."

She described Miller as "an outgoing six-year-old." He played Joseph in his school Christmas program and will start this third year of baseball in the spring.

Miller is the son of Kimberly Miller and the brother of Brick Basinger. His grandparents are Glenn and Judith Blaize, and his great grandmother is Lillian Blaize.

Maternal grandmother, Sharon Fitzgerald of Waveland, nominated Arcement, a first-grader at Hancock North Central Elementary School.

"Abbey is very personable and loves to dress up and perform. She would love to reign as Queen for a day," Fitzgerald wrote. Arcement is a member of St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church, has played T-ball for the past three years in the Necaie Community Dixie

Softball Association. Two of those years, she was selected for the All Star Team, and in 1999, she was a member of the All Star Team that went on to win first place in their District tournament.

Arcement is currently playing her second year of basketball for the Hancock County Pee Wee Basketball Association. She is currently enrolled in her fifth year of ballet and dance lessons in Picayune.

Fitzgerald said Arcement is a straight A student, was recipient in kindergarten of the Spanish Award and was honored last semester by her first grade teacher, Angela Stephenson with a Citizenship Award. She is the daughter of Brian and Leslie Arcement.

The annual Krewe of Kids Parade will roll through the Cedar Point area of Bay St. Louis at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

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Mardi Gras

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will be reflected in the always popular posters and cups, which will be the featured throws.

"The beautiful Nereids floats will symbolize the romance and intrigue of the European cities on the world's most famous train trip. So join the Krewe of Nereids as they once again bring Mardi Gras fun and entertainment to all at their annual spectacular celebration," said spokesperson Nancy Artigues.

On Friday, Feb. 23, both Bay Catholic Elementary and Bay-Waveland Head Start kick off

their annual parades.

The Head Start parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Main and Necaie St. in Bay St. Louis, with Grand Marshal Armand of Armand's Restaurant fame.

The Bay Catholic kids' parade will roll, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The parade will start at the end of the school's driveway end at Our Lady of the Gulf's community center.

That Saturday, Feb. 24, the Krewe of Diamondhead Parade kicks off at noon at Diamondhead Drive.

Also on Saturday, the Krewe

of Climax Harbor will present its third annual car and truck parade in Clermont Harbor, beginning at 2 p.m. Those with antique cars or trucks who wish to participate in the parade may call 463-1819. The parade begins and ends on S. Railroad St.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, the St. Paul's Parade begins at 1 p.m. in Pass Christian at St. Paul Ave.

And, as always, the Krewe of Real People wraps up the parade season in Hancock County on Fat Tuesday - Feb. 27 - beginning at 1 p.m.

3 already qualify for Pass alderman

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Two incumbent Aldermen are among early qualifiers to announce for re-election in Pass Christian.

City Clerk Vikki Goff said Alderman-at-Large Leo "Chipper" McDermott, a Republican, will seek a second four-year term. Ward 4 Alderman Don Moore, also a Republican, is seeking his first

four-year term. He was serving the unexpired term of Alderman Yvonne "Vonnice" Bodenschatz, who died of cancer in February of last year with 14 months left in her term of office.

Goff also announced Democrat Joe Piernas has qualified to seek the Ward 2 seat being vacated by Alderman Margaret Jean Kalif. Kalif, who is in her third term, announced recently she won't seek re-election.

She defeated Piernas in winning re-election in May of 1997.

Qualifying for Mayor and the Board of Aldermen closes March 2. The primary election is scheduled May 1, closes

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

It's that serious time for many in our area, Mardi Gras madness.

Parades and more parades are on tap for the next several weeks through Fat Tuesday, February 27.

On Saturday, the Krewe of Kids will roll down Dunbar in the Cedar Point area of Bay St. Louis. Leading the parade will be King Houston Langford Miller and Queen Abigail "Abbey" Dakin Arcement.

King Miller is the son of Kimberly Miller of Bay St. Louis, and he is a Kindergarten student at Bay Catholic.

Queen Arcement is the daughter of Brian and Leslie Arcement of Kiln, and she is a first-grader at Hancock North Central Elementary.

It was interesting that both the king and queen nominees' names were submitted by their grandmothers.

Judith Blaize is the grandmother of Miller, and Sharon Fitzgerald is the grandmother of Arcement.

Krewe of Kids Captain Lisa Coward reports that royalty was chosen from applications in a random draw.

The Krewe of Kids parade begins on Dunbar near North Bay Elementary at 1 p.m. Saturday with first stop at the Dunbar Village for a toast to the king and queen.

Sunday marks the 35th annual Krewe of Nereids parade which rolls down Highway 90 in the Waveland-Bay St. Louis area.

Nereids' captain (whose name is not published) has the big parade rolling from the Choctaw Plaza Shopping Center sharply at 1 p.m.

Nereids will be followed by the Krewe of Eros and the Krewe of Hancock on Sunday. There are usually a 100 or so floats in the annual parade each year.

There will be all types of trinkets to catch along Highway 90, which makes a good parade route, as the highway's median and shoulders provide good viewing for the parade.

Still to come we have the Krewe of Diamondhead scheduled for Saturday, February 24; Krewe of St. Paul in Pass Christian, Sunday, February 25; and the Krewe of Real People on Mardi Gras Day, Tuesday, February 27 in Bay St. Louis.

It must be a great feeling for the players, fellow students, coaches, administration, and parents of a school to be known as state champions in sporting competition, not to mention a repeat performance.

I am referring to the Our Lady Academy Crescents, the Mississippi Girls Soccer State Champions of 3A-2A-1A for 2001 and also for 2000. Everyone should be walking on "cloud nine" this week at the campus of OLA. A season record of 24-1-1 is one to be very proud of when you consider the Crescents play several 4A and 5A teams during the season. I am sure OLA will be looking forward to next season at a third repeat, as only one starter will graduate this year.

The OLA overall support of their sports activities gives their students the desire to excel, just as they do in the academic field. Congratulations to OLA's soccer coaches, players, students and many supporters.

You deserve all the praises you receive.

While on the subject of soccer, the St. Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws need to be congratulated on their fine season, too. The Rocks finished the season with 17-6-2 and were the 4A South State runners-up.

They missed the state playoffs by a 2-1 loss to Oak Grove. This was the third meeting of the Rocks and Oak Grove, the first game going to Stanislaus, 1-0; the second to Oak Grove, 1-0, and the South playoffs going to Oak Grove, 2-1. By the scores you can see how evenly matched the two teams were.

There is always next season.

Several local football players last week signed letters of intent to continue playing the game at higher educational levels.

The group includes Josh Ladner and Jake Wilson with Millsaps; Chris Goff, Patrick Cannon, and Oren Lewis with Pearl River Community College. All five are from Hancock High. Also signing a letter of intent with Pearl River Community College is Jason Santiago of St. Stanislaus.

Best of luck to all football players who sign letters of intent. Remember, education is very important in today's world.

What about a Mississippi state lottery?

Hey lawmakers, you want a pot of new money to beef up the suffering state treasury? What about a state lottery?

Not to laugh. Most folks may have forgotten that Mississippians cleared the way for a state lottery back in 1992 by removing the century-old constitutional barrier against one.

It was done in a statewide election, with a whopping total of 909,000 Mississippians casting ballots for or against removing the lottery prohibition.

By 53 to 47 they voted in favor of wiping out the old anti-lottery provision.

So the Legislature for the past 10 years could have enacted laws and set up administrative machinery to install the Mississippi Lottery. But for various reasons, lawmakers just haven't done it.

One big reason, as I see it, is that the lucrative gaming phenomenon known as dockside casinos came along. In the meantime, a lottery disappeared from the possible revenue radar screen.

Meantime, however, 39 other states have gotten into the lottery business. And their lotteries are pumping \$13 billion into state coffers, even after deducting prizes and administration costs.

In most states, the lottery money is dedicated to a specific state program, with education leading the list.

With Mississippi's casino gaming bonanza and a booming economy, the state treasury got fatter each year for a decade. Then suddenly, not enough revenue is coming in and there is slim pickin's for all state services.

Worst of all, Mississippi's most prideful programs, public schools and universities, face draconian cuts.

On top of that, at least a half-billion-dollar tab to fund settlement of the long-standing Ayers higher learning desegregation case has been dumped into lawmakers' laps.

Desperate budgeteers around the Capitol are groping in every direction for money wherever they can find it, of course, short of raising existing tax rates.

So why not bring a state lottery back on the revenue screen? It certainly isn't as though a lottery would corrupt our morals, given that we are already knee-deep in legalized gaming money.

Plus the fact that bingo games, with consent of the state, are thriving in practically every part of the state.

When former Gov. Ray Mabus virtually staked his political career on getting a lottery to fund his BEST education plan at the end of the 1980s, he failed by five votes to get the two-thirds margin necessary for the Legislature to put repeal of the constitutional lottery prohibition to a vote of the people.

Two years later (after Mabus was gone) and with no fanfare,

lawmakers put the constitutional amendment on the ballot. Mississippians, as earlier stated, by their votes made it clear they wanted a lottery. But after 10 years, they don't have one.

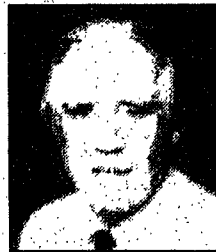
Estimates back in 1988 when Mabus made his lottery drive were that a Mississippi lottery would yield in the neighborhood of \$65-70 million a year to the state after getting cranked up.

Now, the lottery revenue here could easily top \$80-85 million. West Virginia, a state on an economic par with Mississippi, gets \$90 million from its lottery. Neighboring Louisiana gets \$112 million.

Since Mississippi has a state Gaming Commission which oversees casino gaming, and, recently bingo, we already have the administrative mechanism in place to run a lottery, thereby cutting down on the overhead.

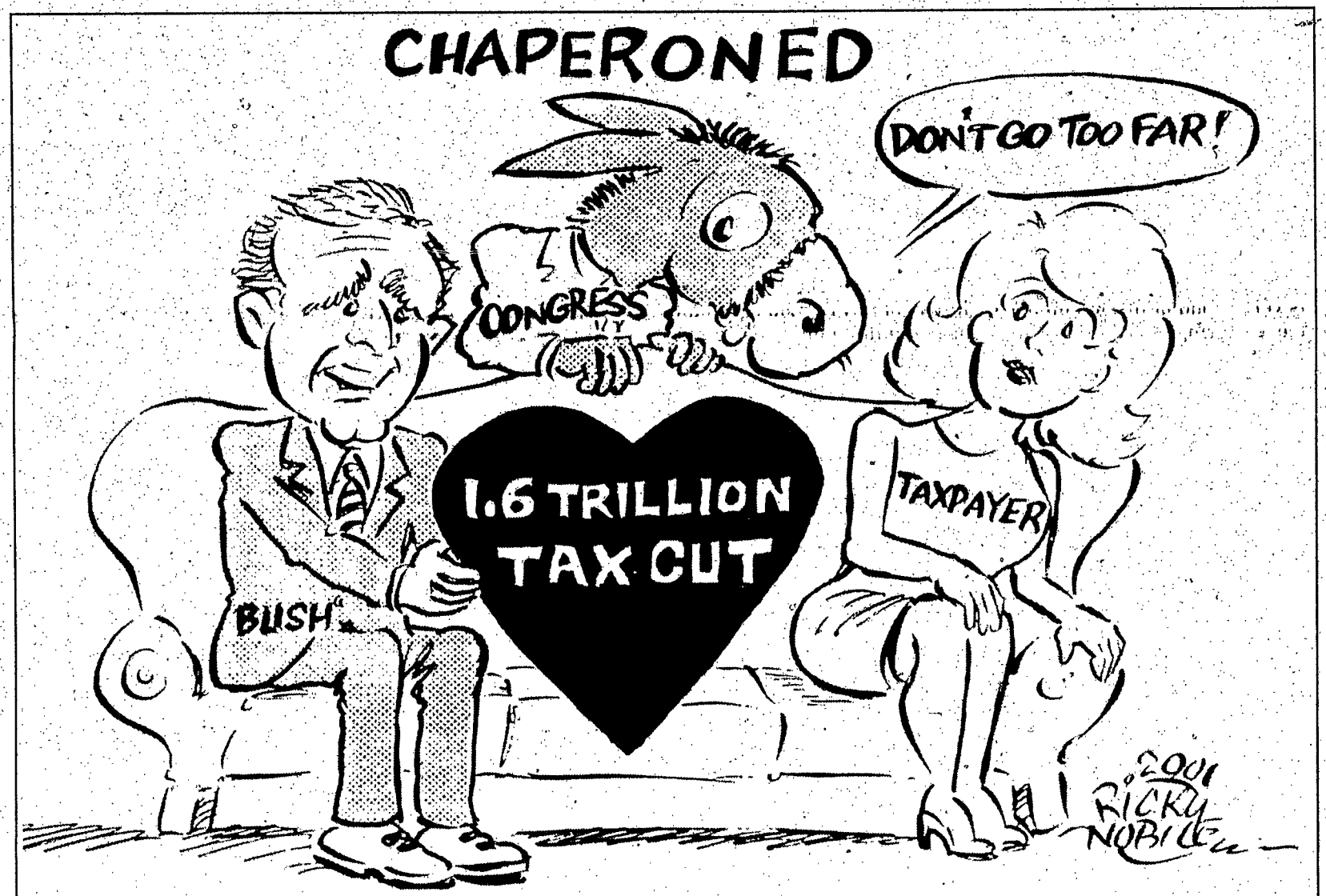
One talking point in favor of launching a state lottery is that commissions on selling lottery tickets can become a revenue bonus for small country grocery

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Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



Letters to the Editor

Reader appalled by state handouts to lure Nissan to MS

Letter to the Editor:
I am appalled and, yes, angry when I read all the hoopla about the subsidies and benefits given Nissan to locate here in Mississippi.

Of course, I realize that jobs will be created for Mississippians.

However, the high-paying jobs will probably go to imported individuals, just as happened with the casinos.

For those who wonder why I feel this way, I will tell you that my deceased husband, John, suffered nearly four years of torture and starvation at the hands of the Japanese during WW II.

As a result, he lost his vision and health, suffering from several conditions attributable to those years of inhumane treatment.

My John was a kind and gentle man who never harbored ill will toward Japanese people saying they were fighting for their country as he was for his.

He was, however, disillusioned when our government granted monetary compensation to all Japanese whose families were humanely incarcerated in America during the war.

Some of the very people who were American citizens and educated in America were the most cruel of the prison camp guards, having returned to Japan.

He simply felt, as I do, that some investigation as to loyalty should have been made into the background of those receiving the award. We both acknowledged that many of those incarcerated were loyal Americans entitled to recompense from a government which blindly punished all Japanese.

Additionally, America is the only country which has refused to aid those of their citizens who were seeking retribution against Japan and who were subjected to slave labor by the Japanese. Our government by treaty sought to deny American

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As one who lived 46 years with someone who suffered all his life from the inhumanity of the Japanese, I wish our state and national governments were as generous to American corporations forced to downsize or go out of business due to Japanese competition, as they are to wealthy Japanese.

I do not dislike Japanese people as individuals, nor am I bitter toward them. I am bitter toward the Japanese nation

which so treacherously attacked Hawaii and the Philippine Islands.

Now, I watch with a heavy heart my country patronizing and strengthening Japanese power even going so far as attempting to acquire property from land holders by the exercise of eminent domain.

Perhaps the new design for a Mississippi flag should be the replica of a dollar bill since our elected officials appear to value money more than honor.

Mary G. Sindors
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Krewe of Kamehameha celebrates Mardi Gras Ball

The Diamondhead Krewe of Kamehameha celebrated its Mardi Gras Ball at the Diamondhead Country Club Feb. 3.

The ballroom was decorated as a 'Winter Swan Lake' and was truly gorgeous with large glittering swans, blinking white lights and huge floral bouquets on the head table and smaller swan decorations on each of the other tables throughout the ballroom. The maids carried fans decorated in the colors of their gowns, and the dukes had matching sashes complementing the maids' gowns.

Leading the promenade were Maid Maggie MacMillan and Duke Bob Gustin, followed by Maid Amy and Duke Jude Swint and Lady-in-Waiting Alice Matthews and Equerry Jerry Gillen.

All stood as King Akua Kai XXVII Bob Gonzales and Queen Becky Jordan entered the room to the tune of "If Ever I Cease To Love".

The queen wore a white

evening gown with a beaded chiffon bodice and an illusion neck and sleeves.

The king was attired in white tails and gloves. Both wore the gold and silver mantles and collars adorned with elaborate symbols of the krewe.

After promenading to the cheers and applause of their royal subjects, the king and queen shared their first dance of the evening to the tune of "Stardust."

All past royalties were then invited to join the king and queen. The evening was complemented by a gourmet dinner, followed by Gary Ledbetter, magician extraordinaire, providing the wonderful entertainment.

Chairperson for the ball was Bob Marshall. The decorating chairperson was Pam Marshall. The fans the maids carried were made by Pat Brandenburg.

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4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.3	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Tom Farve seeks Bay Council seat

Thomas M. Farve has announced his candidacy for election to the office of councilman Ward Three of Bay St. Louis.

Farve is a graduate of Valena C. Jones and numerous vo-tech classes where he majored in brick masonry, auto mechanics and electrician.

He is married to Zettie W. Farve, the father of two children, Thomas, Jr., and Jonique, and is grandfather of four.

Farve has been employed at John C. Stennis Space Center for 37 years as a PM mechanic/pesticide technician where he was also president of IAM Local 2249 for the past 24 years.

An active member of St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church and the Knights of Peter Claver, he is also vice-chairman of Save Our Children Center.

He served as councilman of Ward Three for eight years. He is very proud of his accomplishments during his years as councilman, which include utility rate reductions, property tax reductions and the introduction of the Casino Magic complex.

"My goals for the next four years would be to help senior citizens and low-income fami-



Thomas Farve

lies with high utility bills, along with obtaining grants to upgrade and renovate low-income housing and businesses in Ward Three and the rest of the city of Bay St. Louis. I would like to obtain a multi-use building for recreational activities for all citizens," Farve said.

"I would also like to continue the beautification of Ward Three. I am looking forward to serving you again as your councilman for Ward Three.

Eyes

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stores and gas stations all over the state, as has happened in other rural lottery states.

State Rep. Charles Capps (D-Cleveland), the House Appropriations chairman, had sponsored lottery bills back when the issue was a prime topic of legislative interest a decade ago, but he stopped introducing the measure when interest in it faded.

"I'm still for it," he said. "And maybe there will be some new support for a lottery, now with the money crunch we're in."

Capps, who said he is "quite familiar" with Georgia's HOPE program by which college scholarships are funded by the state lottery begun in 1993, added: "It would be fine with me if lottery revenue here would be dedicated to education."

Success of Georgia's HOPE

program, making college tuition-free for students who maintain a B average, has won national attention for markedly increasing SAT scores of students entering college in Georgia and raising academic standing of the state's universities.

A Mississippi lottery may well be the answer to the state's plight of how to find the \$500 million-plus for the Ayers case settlement. Lottery revenue could pay off the Ayers tab in six years, and afterwards, the money could be dedicated to college scholarships.

Many Mississippians have been critical that tax revenue from the state's new casino gaming industry was never earmarked for teacher salaries and, instead, was put into the state general fund.

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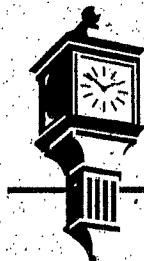
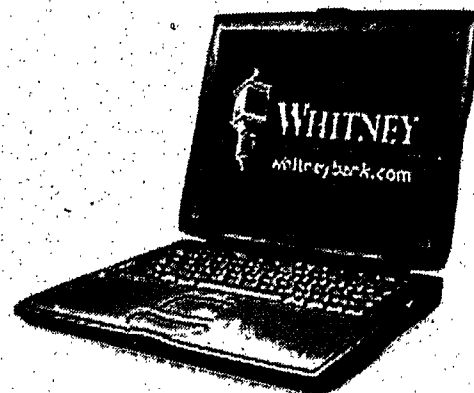
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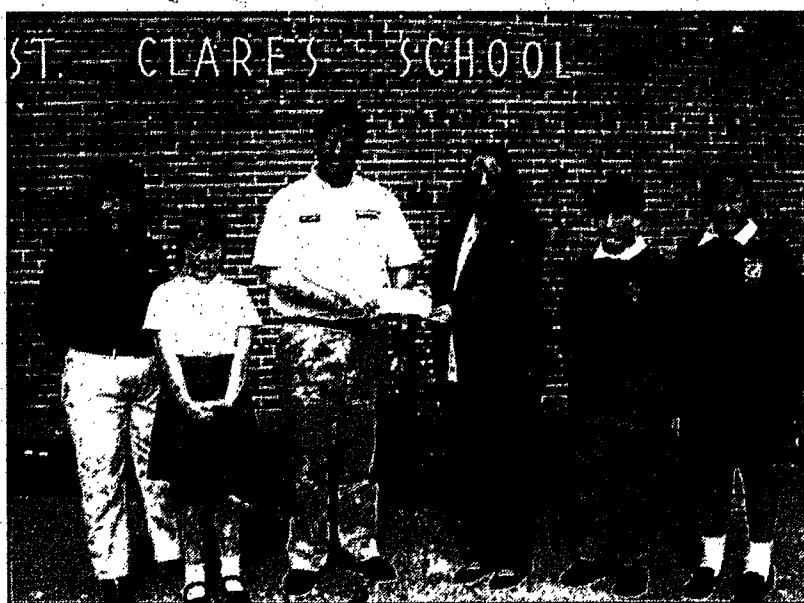
At last week's meeting, Bruce Newton, the engineer with Duke Levy and Associates, the District's consultant, expressed some concern about the lack of progress on the elevated water tank. It will be constructed on county-owned property off Chapman Road behind the Volunteer Fire Station.

Newton said he understood Mardis was doing some preliminary construction and welding at its Batesville plant, but they had not sent crews to the site yet to prepare the foundation for the well. In fact, Mardis had billed the District for preliminary work, but Commissioners later voted to withhold any payment to the firm.

He later told the Echo, he and Commissioners met with Mardis and told them "they needed to begin work on the site."

Newton said plans call for the elevated tank and the entire system to come on line by the end of April. He said Mardis assured the District the tank would be up and running by then.

Before adjourning, the Commission unanimously appointed Eddie Renz the District's new full-time director. Renz, who had served as supervisor and office manager, replaces Ted Gauthier, who was dismissed.



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter
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St. Clare's presented Exxon/Mobile grant

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Sandra and Jim Quakenbush present a \$500 Exxon/Mobile Educational Alliance Program Grant to St. Clare's fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Prendergast on Friday. The grant will be used to support St. Clare's gardening experiences for children program.

The Quakenbushs worked with school officials and Exxon/Mobile to secure the grant.

"We are proud to be a part of

the efforts by St. Clare School to continue to provide outstanding educational opportunities to young people in the area," said the Quakenbushs. "And we are committed to giving back to the community that helped us build our business."

The grant program is designed to help retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools. St. Clare is the only school on the Gulf Coast to receive one of the grants.

Education

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but many cities throughout the country have extensive community education programs and consider them an integral part of the education system. The classes offered can provide entry level skills, add to existing skills, or offer the inspiration to begin a whole new career. Or they can just be fun.

Executive Director Dr. Gaynell Roberts said that there seemed to be some confusion among students as to whether the program would continue this semester, probably because of a controversy last October over funding for the program.

"But we want people to know that not only are we up and running, but we have added a lot of new features," said Roberts. "We have expanded our computer classes to include both basic and intermediate training and have expanded many classes from 6 to 10 weeks to allow for advanced learning."

"One of our goals is to train people for the local work force, where there is actually a shortage of trained workers," said Roberts. In response to input from the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Development Bureau, the program is offering a 10 week course in tourism, lodging and restaurant management which will prepare graduates for entry level jobs or more advanced training in the industry. "With a large new hotel about to be built in the area, we are going to be begging for trained workers in the hospital-

ity industry," said Roberts. "This course is a first step for our local people to make sure they are in line for those jobs."

Roberts said that the program frequently receives calls from employers who are looking for trained employees. "We get a lot of requests for skilled cake decorators and florists are looking for trained flower arrangers," said Roberts. Roberts is also proud of the castnet making class. "One of our graduates had so many work offers, she could just take her pick," said Roberts. "She decided to open her own business here and did very well, but her family talked her into coming home to Southern Louisiana and opening her business there."

For now, Community Education offers two sessions a year - in the fall and spring semesters - but Roberts said she hopes that a summer session will eventually be offered. She feels the program has a lot to offer to the community.

"Towards the end of last semester I visited the flower arranging class ... there were 18 students arranging eighteen dozen beautiful roses ... on the radio in the room, soft jazz was playing on a program written, produced, and aired on WBSL, by students in our broadcasting class. Students may register through the first night of class at the school site or by calling the Community Education office at 467-3892. Registration will be going on today at Bay High from 5-6:30 p.m.

Garage sale to benefit students

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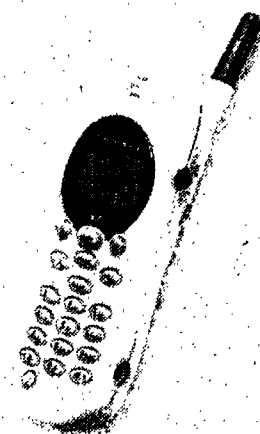
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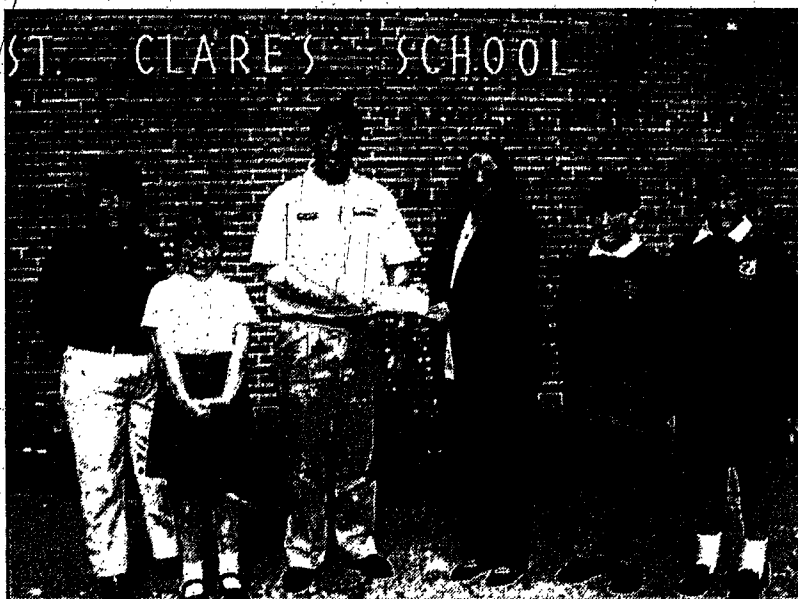
At last week's meeting, Bruce Newton, the engineer with Duke Levy and Associates, the District's consultant, expressed some concern about the lack of progress on the elevated water tank. It will be constructed on county-owned property off Chapman Road behind the Volunteer Fire Station.

Newton said he understood Mardis was doing some preliminary construction and welding at its Batesville plant, but they had not sent crews to the site yet to prepare the foundation for the well. In fact, Mardis had billed the District for preliminary work, but Commissioners later voted to withhold any payment to the firm.

He later told the Echo he and Commissioners met with Mardis and told them "they needed to begin work on the site."

Newton said plans call for the elevated tank and the entire system to come on line by the end of April. He said Mardis assured the District the tank would be up and running by then.

Before adjourning, the Commission unanimously appointed Eddie Renz the District's new full-time director. Renz, who had served as supervisor and office manager, replaces Ted Gauthier, who was dismissed.



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter
Sandra and Jim Quakenbush present a \$500 Exxon/Mobile Educational Alliance Program Grant to St. Clare's fifth grade on Friday.

St. Clare's presented Exxon/Mobile grant

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Sandra and Jim Quakenbush present a \$500 Exxon/Mobile Educational Alliance Program Grant to St. Clare's fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Prendergast on Friday. The grant will be used to support St. Clare's gardening experiences for children program.

The Quakenbushs worked with school officials and Exxon/Mobile to secure the grant.

"We are proud to be a part of

the efforts by St. Clare School to continue to provide outstanding educational opportunities to young people in the area," said the Quakenbushs. "And, we are committed to giving back to the community that helped us build our business."

The grant program is designed to help retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools. St. Clare is the only school on the Gulf Coast to receive one of the grants.

Education

Continued from Page 1

but many cities throughout the country have extensive community education programs and consider them an integral part of the education system. The classes offered can provide entry level skills, add to existing skills, or offer the inspiration to begin a whole new career. Or they can just be fun.

Executive Director Dr. Gaynell Roberts said that there seemed to be some confusion among students as to whether the program would continue this semester, probably because of a controversy last October over funding for the program.

"But we want people to know that not only are we up and running, but we have added a lot of new features," said Roberts. "We have expanded our computer classes to include both basic and intermediate training and have expanded many classes from 6 to 10 weeks to allow for advanced learning."

"One of our goals is to train people for the local work force, where there is actually a shortage of trained workers," said Roberts. In response to input from the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Development Bureau, the program is offering a 10 week course in tourism, lodging and restaurant management which will prepare graduates for entry level jobs or more advanced training in the industry. "With a large new hotel about to be built in the area, we are going to be begging for trained workers in the hospital-

ity industry," said Roberts. "This course is a first step for our local people to make sure they are in line for those jobs."

Roberts said that the program frequently receives calls from employers who are looking for trained employees. "We get a lot of requests for skilled cake decorators and florists are looking for trained flower arrangers," said Roberts. Roberts is also proud of the castnet making class. "One of our graduates had so many work offers, she could just take her pick," said Roberts. "She decided to open her own business here and did very well, but her family talked her into coming home to Southern Louisiana and opening her business there."

For now, Community Education offers two sessions a year - in the fall and spring semesters - but Roberts said she hopes that a summer session will eventually be offered. She feels the program has a lot to offer to the community.

"Towards the end of last semester I visited the flower arranging class ... there were 18 students arranging eighteen dozen beautiful roses ... on the radio in the room, soft jazz was playing on a program written, produced, and aired on WBSL, by students in our broadcasting class. Students may register through the first night of class at the school site or by calling the Community Education office at 467-3892. Registration will be going on today at Bay High from 5-6:30 p.m.

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Area II "D" Conditionally Approved Waters includes the public oyster reefs in St. Louis Bay between the Hwy. 90 Bridge and the CSX Railroad Bridge.

For information with respect to the open and closed areas, call the 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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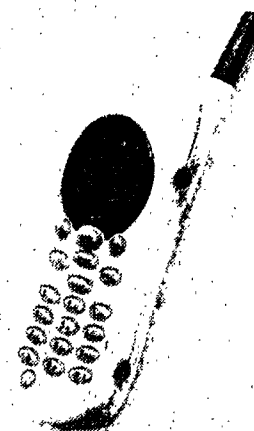
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SPORTS

CHAMPS AGAIN! SOCCER. update



OLA's Lady Crescent Soccer Team proudly displays their new "Back to Back!" banner after shutting out the St. Andrews Saints in the state-wide 3A-2A-1A soccer championships last Saturday in Clinton.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher



HOCKEY. update

Sea Wolves sign Brassard

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Sea Wolves moved up in the Southern Conference standings last week and made a roster addition during the course of the same week.

Last week Mississippi went 2-2-0 and moved into fourth place in the Southern Conference of the ECHL. The team dropped a heartbreaker to the Arkansas RiverBlades last Tuesday 3-2, when Arkansas scored the game winner with less than 40 seconds remaining in regulation. Tallahassee, who is sitting atop the Southern Conference standings, skated past the Sea Wolves last Friday 3-1. On Saturday, the Sea

Wolves rejoined the win column with a 4-1 victory over the homestanding Pensacola Ice Pilots. Then, on Sunday, February 4, the Sea Wolves blanked the Pee Dee Pride 3-0 to give goalie Steve Briere his first professional shutout victory.

Also, the Sea Wolves picked up some toughness when they acquired defenseman Chris Brassard from the Pensacola Ice Pilots on February 7. Brent Willers and Keith Cassidy were sent to Pensacola in the trade for Brassard. In 17 games with Pensacola this season, Brassard has scored six goals, 16 assists, and recorded 35 penalty minutes.

Brassard should be in the

lineup for the February 16th and 17th games in the Wolves Den. During that Mardi Gras weekend pair of games the new video scoreboard will be in use for the first time.

The Sea Wolves penalty kill stat continues to lead the ECHL with an 88.9%. The Sea Wolves have not allowed a power play goal in 33 straight short-handed challenges. Conversely, the Sea Wolves have scored a power play goal in five consecutive games.

Last week, goalie Chuck thuss played in his 102nd game with Mississippi. He has won 51 one of them and is Mississippi's all-time leader in wins guarding the net.

Pass Ladies golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association Feb. 5 winners include:

Low net over the field, 18 holes: first, Jolee Burrus; second, Vicky Gardner; third, June Hardy; fourth, Debbie Wolf; fifth, Helen Farrelly; sixth, Helen Smith; seventh, Doris Lackey; putts, Perk Landry.

Nine holes: first, Kay Love; second, Mary Jo Jones; putts, Minnie Weaver.

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Neal, "Sweet" Lou Dunbar and Wilt Chamberlain.

Ticket prices are \$10, \$17 and \$20 plus Ticketmaster fee. In addition, special seating is available courtside in the VIP section for \$35 and in the Magic Circle for \$75 (all plus Ticketmaster fee).

The Magic Circle ticket includes the special 75th commemorative edition 3-D program. Tickets may be purchased at all local Ticketmaster outlets, by phone at 228-385-2600, online at www.ticketmaster.com and at the Coliseum box office.

For information, call the Coliseum box office at 228-594-3707.

Fire Dogs to have open tryout in Hattiesburg

The Mississippi Fire Dogs of the National Indoor Football League, NIFL, have announced the team will be holding an open tryout set for Saturday, Feb. 17, at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with players taking the field at approximately noon. A registration fee of \$25 will be collected during registration, and participants should bring workout gear including grass cleats.

The Fire Dogs' coaching staff

will be conducting various agility tests during the tryouts. Head Coach Irvin Favre said, "We are looking forward to returning to Hattiesburg and hope to have the same success finding players as we have had in the past. We picked up several former USM players the past two years, guys like Nicky Seymour, Jose Gonzalez and Roy Stabler were key contributors in our championship run last season."

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Conservation Corner



Wildlife Mississippi donates decoy deer

By James L. Cummins
It's shortly after 2 a.m. Two men with three-day-old beards climb into their truck and drive to the eastern part of the county.

They swing the front end of the 4 x 4 into a field, spilling the fifth of whisky that is riding shotgun. The darkness of night is interrupted by 200,000 candlepower beams which emanate from the passenger's side.

In the field is a small buck deer. The driver slips his rifle out the window. The eerie sound of the crack of the rifle breaks the silence of the night. But the buck does not move.

In disbelief the man chambers another round and fires again. The deer remains motionless. They notice the blue lights and sirens from both entrances of the field.

Two conservation officers with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks were on the scene. These game thieves now realize why the deer did not move.

What they thought was a real deer, was instead, a decoy. This scenario is played out all too often in Mississippi.

The success on this particular night lies in the hands of the conservation officers, as they have caught these violators in the act. If found guilty in a court of law, these men face substantial fines and jail time.

The fine for shooting from a public right of way is \$100 to \$500 plus court costs. Shooting from a motor vehicle may draw an additional fine of \$25 to \$100 plus court costs.

Spotlighting deer is much

more serious, carrying a penalty of \$2,000 to \$5,000 plus court costs, mandatory confiscation of all equipment except the motor vehicle, five days imprisonment in a county jail and loss of hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for three years.

The use of decoy deer has had a huge impact on deer poaching in Mississippi. The decoy gives officers the ability set-up in a safe area and the opportunity to witness any illegal acts.

In an effort to assist conservation officers throughout Mississippi, the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation began its Decoy Deer Program in January of 1998.

Through this program, decoy deer are constructed and then donated to Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, officers.

"Since the inception of this program the Foundation has donated 47 decoys and will continue to replace the ones which are worn out," said Peyton Self, president of the Foundation.

The public must become more involved by communicating and working with officers in the field. Those sportsmen who wish to stay anonymous may still assist conservation officers by calling the 1-800-BE-SMART hotline to report violations and illegal activities.

James L. Cummins is executive director of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Stoneville.

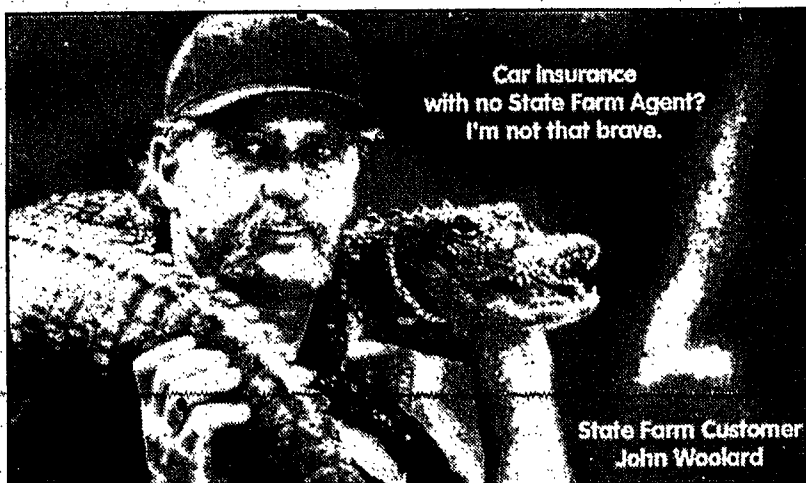
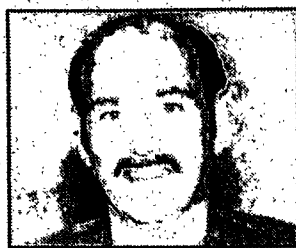
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Hunters can report waterfowl band numbers 24 hours a day to the federal Bird Banding Laboratory in Patuxent, Md., by calling toll-free 800-327-2263.

Officials at the laboratory are not interested in receiving the metal bands, only the numbers on the band.

Once the band numbers are reported, the banding lab sends to the hunter a certificate of appreciation for each band. Certificates list the date and location where each bird was banded.

Biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and state agencies use the information from band returns to learn more about waterfowl harvest, range of migration, survival, and other facts about these birds.

Girls fastpitch softball registration scheduled

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball playing at Lakeshore Field will hold registration for girls ages 5-18 residing in Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Pass Christian throughout the month of Feb.

All registrations are on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the following locations. Application fee is \$25 along with a birth certificate copy.

Feb. 3 at Waveland Market Center and Waveland Big K
Feb. 10 at Waveland Wal-

Mart, Diamondhead Supermarket and Lakeshore Field

Feb. 17 at Waveland Sav-A-Center and Bay St. Louis Winn-Dixie

Feb. 24 at Waveland Market Center, Pass Christian Winn-Dixie and Lakeshore Field

Applications are also being accepted for volunteer managers and umpires.

For additional information call 467-1291, 457-4220, 467-9796 or 467-6598.

Waveland Little League Baseball registration; volunteers needed

Waveland Little League Baseball has registration for Tee Ball League 5-6; Minor League 7-8, Minor League 9-10 and Junior League 11-12 every Saturday in February, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Elwood Bourgeois Park, Waveland Ball Field and McDonald's, Hwy. 90.

Early registration fees for February will be \$30 for the first child, \$20 for the second, and \$10 for each additional child.

Parents should bring the original birth certificate if available. An original will be needed before season starts.

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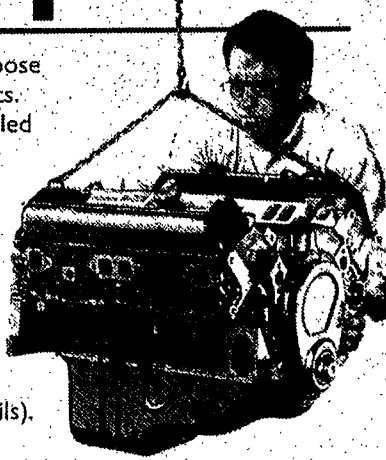
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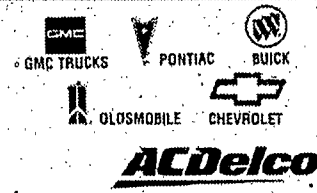
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February				
19	Hancock*	Away	5:00 JV	6:30 V
12	OLA	Away	5:00 JV	6:30 V
26	Oak Grove*	Home	5:00 JV	6:30 V
March				
1	St. Martin	Home	5:00 JV	6:30 V
2-3	Pass Christian Tournament			
5	Pearl River*	Away	5:00 JV	6:30 V
8	D'Iberville	Away	5:00 JV	6:30 V
9-10	D'Iberville Tournament			
12	Picayune*	Home	5:00 JV	6:30 V
15	Harrison Central	Away	5:00 JV	6:30 V
19	Hancock*	Home	5:00 JV	6:30 V
22	Oak Grove*	Away	5:00 JV	6:30 V
26	Pearl River*	Home	5:00 JV	6:30 V
29	St. Martin	Away	5:00 JV	6:30 V
April				
5	Harrison Central	Home	5:00 JV	6:30 V
9	Picayune*	Away	5:00 JV	6:30 V
16	1st Round Playoffs			

* Division Games

Bay High Track Schedule

March				
7	Hancock (Work Meet)	4:30	7-12 G/B	
14	Tiger Relays	4:30	7-8 G/B	
21	Hawk Relays	4:30	7-12 G/B	
28	Rock Relays	4:30	7-12 G/B	
April				
4	Sun Coast Conference Meet	4:30	7-12 G/B	
17	Div. 7 Track Meet Prelims at Hancock	4:30	9-12 G/B	
19	Div. 7 Track Meet			
27	Regionals at Hancock	5:30	9-12 G/B	
	Regional Track Meet		9-12 G/B	
May				
5	South State 4A Meet		9-12 G/B	
12	State Track Meet at Jackson		9-12 G/B	



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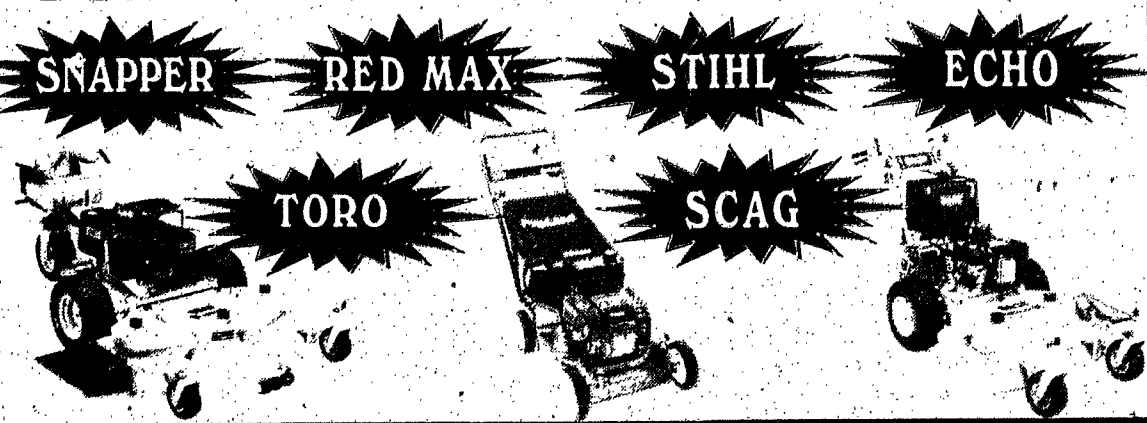
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PEARL ALBERT
 Pearl P. Albert, 84, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Albert was a native of DuBois, Pa., and was a life member of O.E.S. Cathedral Chapter 440 and Martha Shrine.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry L. Albert; parents David George Piper, Sr. and Hannah Slausenhaupt Piper; son David L. Albert; brother David G. Piper, Sr.; and a sister, Helen G. McCallister.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue A. Kelley of Bay St. Louis, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private.

The family prefers memorials to Hope Haven or to the Humane Society.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

MARY BULLOCK
 Mary C. "Great" Bullock, 71, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, in Pass Christian.

She was a native of D'Lo, Miss., and a longtime resident of the Coast. She attended high school in Ocean Springs and was a member of Highland Baptist Church. She resided at Miramar Nursing Home for the past four years. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse James Bullock; a son, Randall Keith Bullock; and two brothers, Tony Stockstill and George Stockstill.

Survivors include four sons, Terry Bullock of Alabama; James Bullock of Richmond, Va.; Robin Bullock of Monterey, La.; and Johnny Bullock of Aztec, N.M.; three daughters, Carolyn Levens of Ocean Springs, Lessie Bullock of Bay St. Louis and Jessica Bullock of Biloxi; a brother, Ray Stockstill of Biloxi; three sisters, Shirley Brunson, Tanzy Hartford and Rhonda Flowers, all of Biloxi; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Tuesday at Highland Baptist Church. Interment was in Southern Memorial Park.

GLADYS BURTON
 Gladys Burton, 71, of Pearlinton, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, in Slidell.

Mrs. Burton was a native of Logtown and was a retired Social Service worker. She was a member of Greater Mt. Zion Methodist AME Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ada Lee; a daughter, Princetta Burton; and two grandsons.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Samuel Burton of Pearlinton; a daughter, Aquanetta Osborn of Carriere; two sons, Samuel M. Burton Jr. of Pearlinton and Lawrence Burton of Orlando, Fla.; three sisters, Mary Lewis of Bay St. Louis and Susie Burton and Thelma Fairley, both of Pearlinton; five brothers, John Lee, Willie Lee, Albert Lee and Freddie Lee, all of Pearlinton; and James Lee of Picayune; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-noon in Greater Mount Zion Methodist AME followed by services and burial in Pearlinton Cemetery.

Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

CHRISTIAN HAYDEN
 Christian "Chris" Hayden, 71, of Pass Christian, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Hayden was a native of Pass Christian. He was a retired longshoreman, a member of ILA and of St. Paul Catholic Church

in Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wolford Hayden Sr. and Margaret Hayden; four brothers, Wolford Hayden Jr., Jimmie Hayden, Carroll Hayden, and Lindbergh Hayden; and two sisters, Elizabeth Hayden and Isabel Hayden.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda Ladner Hayden; a son, Lee Hayden; and three brothers, John Hayden Sr., Roger Hayden and Jerry Hayden, all of Pass Christian.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Services were conducted Wednesday in the funeral home chapel followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Hancock County.

VESTA HUDSON
 Vesta Hudson, 68, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Hudson was a native and lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. She was a graduate of Success High School and was retired from Keesler Medical Center after 15 years of service. She was a nurse and a homemaker. She was a member of Cedar Lake United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Women's Group and the choir.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow W. Hudson Sr.

Survivors include a son, Woodrow W. Hudson Jr. of Perkinston; a daughter, Iva Farmer of Mandeville, La.; a sister, Gurdia Rebecca of Mesa, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Wednesday at Cedar Lake United Methodist Church in Biloxi. Burial was in the church cemetery.



PATRICIA A. LOISEL

Patricia A. Loisel, 53, of Waveland, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Loisel was a homemaker, a native of New Orleans, and a longtime resident of Hancock County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melville and Pauline Thompson; her husband, Eugene A. Loisel Sr.; her son, Melville Loisel; a granddaughter, Sabrina Loisel; and a brother, Harold Anderson.

Survivors include sons Eugene Loisel Jr. and Pete Loisel; daughters Belinda, Paulette and Tanya Loisel; brother Wayne Thompson; grandchildren Eugene III, Amy, Jeremy, Mindy, Brandon and Zachary Loisel, Aaron Erskine, Ashley Anderson and Richard Oxman III; and grandchildren Janet McQueen and Rayan Gagnon.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday in the chapel of Jacob Schoen and Son in New Orleans. Interment followed in Lakelawn Mausoleum.

DR. JEROME MAZUREK
 Dr. Jerome Mazurek, 76, of Hobart, Ind., and Pass Christian, died Wednesday, February 7, 2001, in Gulfport.

Services are pending at Rees Funeral Home in Hobart. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis handled local arrangements.

SADIE W. NICAISE
 Sadie Wolff Nicaise, 87, of Gulfport, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Nicaise was a native of Charleston, S.C. and a resident of Gulfport for the past 10 years. She was also a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Lizana, the Bay-

Waveland Yacht Club, and the Bay-Waveland Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Randolph W. Nicaise Sr.; her parents, Fredrick W. and Lillian Murray Wolff; two sisters, Eunice Wolff Kirchner and Myrtle Wolff Slawson.

Survivors include a son, Randolph (Billy) Nicaise Jr. and wife Helen Genin Nicaise of Lyman; a sister, Mildred Wolff Blume of Bethera, S.C.; grandson Randy W. Nicaise of Lyman; a granddaughter, Sharon Nicaise of Lyman; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service in the funeral home chapel and interment in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to Hospice of Memorial Hospital, P. O. Box 1810, Gulfport, MS 39502.

NETTIE POWELL
 Nettie Ray Powell, 62, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, February 12, 2001, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

DONALD PRESLEY SR.
 Donald H. Presley, Sr., 76, of Pass Christian, died February 10, 2001.

Mr. Presley was active in civic affairs on the Coast for years, was retired from Bell Telephone Company and was a member of St. John Parish.

Born in Akron, reared in Long Beach, schooled in New Orleans, to war in the Pacific, he then launched upon a career with the Bell system that spanned 38 years.

Notable of his community works was the procuring of legislation and funding that created the Long Beach Harbor with provision for the Long Beach Yacht Club along with the initial effort that created the Long Beach Industrial Park.

Both projects were Chamber of Commerce efforts while he served as president. He chaired the rebuilding of the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce following Hurricane Camille and later served as president. As president of the county Red Cross chapter, he accomplished the building and funding of the chapter's first permanent chapter-owned facility.

As Commodore of the Gulfport Yacht Club he initiated the effort to purchase their leased property and later initiated their master plan of development. Other services included president of the Better Business Bureau, the Lions Club, the Cancer Society, the United Way and many other organizations over the years.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Gifford Presley; a son, Donald H. Presley, Jr.; four daughters, Katherine E. Bryant, Fritzi L. Smith, Gretchen M. Pannell, and Janine L. Williams; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Feb. 15, 10-11 a.m. at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport. Private graveside services will follow at Old Evergreen Cemetery in the family plot with rites of Christian burial.

HELEN RANSOM
 Helen Jenny Ransom, 81, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Ransom was a native of Columbus, Ga. and a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past 15 years. She was a Christian.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James C. Ransom, Sr.; her parents, Clarence and Jessie Belcher Phifer; four brothers and seven sisters.

Survivors include a son, J. C. Ransom, Jr. of Hammond; three daughters, Anna Louise Murray of Galveston, Texas, Ethel Jessie Ransom Ross of Tallahassee, Fla., and Mary Jane Palmisano of Robert, La.; a sister, Ethel Carter of Cottondale, Fla.; 22 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. until noon at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service in the funeral home chapel and interment in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

BRENDA ANN SCELSON
 Brenda Ann Tartavouille Scelson, 52, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001 in

Bay St. Louis.

She was a grocery store clerk and was employed with Coast Salvage in Waveland for the past eight years. She was Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her parents Carl M. "Buddy" and Stella Favre Tartavouille; and sister Norma T. Brady.

She is survived by her husband John H. Scelson, of Lakeshore; son Chance Fricke of Lakeshore; step-sons David Mixon of Jackson, Ms., Daniel Mixon, of Hallesville Tx., Warren Scelson, Bay St. Louis, Robert Scelson, Bay St. Louis; step-daughter Debra Lane of Atlanta, Ga.; brother Charles Tartavouille of Chalmette, La.; sister Barbara Redding of Bay St. Louis; and nine step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 16, 2001 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Burial will be in Cedar Rest Cemetery, Bay St. Louis. Riemann Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis, is in charge of the arrangements.

GEORGE SKINNER, SR.
 George Earl Skinner, Sr., 71, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, February 12, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Skinner was a native of Clanton, Ala. and a former longtime resident of Metairie and New Orleans before moving to Bay St. Louis. He was a lifetime member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and was a member of International Union of Operating Engineers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Barney and Lena Mae Richardson Skinner; and a sister, Verna Mae Ouber.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Ward Skinner of Bay St. Louis; a son, George Earl Skinner, Jr. of Slidell; a daughter, Sheryl Skinner Taffola of Palm Springs, Calif.; a brother, Calvin Skinner of Metairie; a sister, Marilyn Skinner Allen of Metairie; and five grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services in the funeral home chapel and burial in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

MATTIE WILLIAMS
 Mattie Monteen Hyde Williams, 83, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Williams was a native of Boaz, Ala., was a former resident of Birmingham, Ala. and Bay St. Louis and had been a resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast since 1982. She was retired as a records clerk for Alabama Power and was affiliated with Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cleveland H. and Velma E. Morton Hyde; and a brother, Joseph Morton Hyde.

Survivors include a daughter, Martha Monteen Williams Burdette; and a son by marriage, Ernest Linwood Burdette of Pass Christian; a sister, Maurine Hyde Wheeler of Gadsden, Ala.; and two grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. in the parlor of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church Nursery School, 125 Church Avenue, Pass Christian, MS 39571 or to one's favorite charity.

Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue, Gulfport, is in charge of arrangements.

NETTIE YATES
 Nettie Ray Davis Yates, 62, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Yates was a native of Lucedale.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clint and Seless

Jones Davis; a brother, Elmer Davis; and a sister, Margaret Drazell.

Survivors include sons Fred Yates, Jr. of Waveland, Barry Yates of Gulfport and Jeff Yates of Lucedale; daughters, Julie Yates of Waveland and Tammy Simpson of Auburn, Ala.; sisters Mary Anderson of Ocean

Springs and Faye Nelson of Lucedale; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private, directed by Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul Society, Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS 39576.

Grand Jury report

Echo staff report

The Hancock County July 2000 Grand Jury retired this week, handing down several recommendations to the county, including potential changes in the way the Hancock County Justice Facility is operated and possible pay raises for law enforcement personnel.

According to the report handed down this week grand jury Foreman Louis D. Lee Jr. and distributed by District Attorney Cono Caranna, "We were impaneled on July 5, 2000, and were in session July 27, 2000, August 31, 2000, September 28, 2000, October 18, 2000, November 21, 2000, December 13, 2000 and January 10, 2001 for a total of 8 days. During this time we considered a total of 208 cases. We returned 47 No True Bills, 149 True Bills of indictment, 10 cases were passed to the next Grand Jury and 2 cases were docketed in error. Of these 149 True Bills of indictment, 13 were returned as Habitual Offenders and 5 were returned as Enhanced Penalty."

Lee said that several speakers appeared before the Grand Jury to discuss their responsibilities; including Mary LeBlanc, Hancock County Forestry Commission; Mike Ladner, Hancock County Superintendent of Education; Jimmie Ladner, Hancock County Tax Collector; Steve Garber, Hancock County Sheriff; and Tim Kellar, Hancock County Chancery

Clerk;

According to the report, the Grand Jury visited the Hancock County Justice facility, and some grand jurors felt some changes need to be made.

"The jail appears adequately maintained," Lee said in the report, but the Grand Jury "recommends additional K-9 and patrol units for the county."

Lee said the Grand Jury also noted considerable differences between various law enforcement jurisdictions in the preparation and presentation of cases; and noted great variations in arrest, search, and documentation procedures.

"We recommend that the law enforcement personnel, policies, and procedures in these jurisdictions be addressed by the administrations and improvements be made," Lee said.

"The Grand Jury recommends and supports restoration of the courthouse to standards which meet handicapped needs and (to) better serve the public."

The jury also recommended "construction of a juvenile detention center," and "that law enforcement personnel salaries be examined for the purposes of recruiting and retaining officers and to avoid loss of training funds due to officer turnover."

And - perhaps most damaging for prisoners at the justice facility - "The Grand Jury recommends that the jail be made a non-smoking facility" as (are) all other county offices.

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Ribbon cutting

Southern Title Company, PLLC, 827 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, recently held a ribbon cutting to celebrate its grand opening. The company specializes in closing loans and has corporate offices here, with several branch offices in South Mississippi. Participants in the ribbon cutting include Matt Capo, left, Margaret Hadden, Chandra Barlow, Kimberlyn Ruff, Pamela Clarke, Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, Joe Kelly, Sandra Jackson, Tad Black, Christy Clark and Jay Lagasse.

PRCC Career Fair links students with employers

Pearl River Community College students will have a chance to find out information on career choices, job outlook, stability and workforce demand during Spring Career Fair, Friday, Feb. 16, in the Technology Center on the school's main campus.

Some 70 companies, most from Mississippi and some from Louisiana, are signed up as exhibitors. The fair begins at 8:30 a.m. and lasts until 11:15 a.m.

Students who graduate in May can provide resumes for employers. They can also inquire about co-op positions, part-time, temporary, work-based learning, or summer jobs.

Dr. Ann Moore, placement director at PRCC, said the school's Career Fair serves a dual purpose.

"One, it's a way for our students who are graduating in May or August to network with employers about the possibility

of going to work upon graduation," said Moore.

"Second, it's a way for exhibitors to encourage our academic transfer students to enter various fields like law and medicine. Exhibitors can also let students know what the job outlook is, as well as the demand out there for certain careers."

Moore expects some 1,000 students from the Poplarville and Hattiesburg campuses to visit the Career Fair, which is sponsored by the PRCC Placement Office.

For information, call (601) 403-1250.

Ritten ranks in top 10

Jon William Ritten of Coldwell Banker Coast Delta Realty was recently named in the top 10 in Listings Sold out of more than 350 sales associates in Mississippi.

Ritten received the award at the recent Mississippi State Rally.

Coldwell Banker Coast Delta Realty is located at 4401 West Aloha Drive in Diamondhead.

Ritten, vice president and managing Broker of Coast Delta Realty, has been selling real estate in Diamondhead for 10 years and is a multi-million dollar producer. This is his second year to be listed in the top 10.

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StenniSphere selected state's Tourism Attraction of the Year

StenniSphere, the visitor center at the John C. Stennis Space Center, was presented the Mississippi Tourism Association's Travel Attraction of the Year award at this year's annual Governor's Conference on Tourism held in Jackson Feb. 4-7.

J.C. Burns, executive director of Mississippi Development Authority, presented the award to NASA's Myron Webb, public affairs officer at Stennis Space Center.

Since StenniSphere opened last Memorial Day weekend, over 170,000 visitors from all 50 states and 26 countries have toured the facility - an attendance increase of over 150 percent.

StenniSphere is a major school field trip destination, and over 40,000 students have experienced special programs, stage presentations, guided tours, interactive exhibits and movies designed to enhance their visit.

The size of the museum was increased to over 14,000 square feet of interactive exhibits, which, along with the outdoor rockets, engines, buoys and aircraft, reflect the history and missions of Stennis Space Center and the local area.

New features include The RockeTaria, a local cuisine restaurant done in an early 1960s theme; a motion simulator ride that takes visitors on a trip to Mars and under the sea; and an expanded gift shop.

An agreement between the Mississippi Development Authority's Division of Tourism, the Mississippi Transportation Commission and NASA now allows all tours of Stennis Space Center to begin at the Hancock County Welcome Center on I-10.

Free bus tours begin at NASA's Launch Pad, and trans-

port visitors on a free guided tour of America's largest rocket test complex.

Senior citizens volunteer in staffing the I-10 Launch Pad through a relationship with the Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteer Program. A Lunar Lander replica spacecraft erected adjacent to I-10 greets visitors and serves as a monument to the local area's role in getting America to the Moon in the 1960s.

The public is now invited periodically to witness scheduled test firings of the Space Shuttle Main Engines, and over 5,000 people visited Stennis to view the two engine firings that were conducted last July and November.

StenniSphere is free of charge and is open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., except for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

For information or to book group tours, call 1-800-237-1821 (Option 1) in Mississippi and Louisiana, or visit the Web site at www.ssc.nasa.gov.

The awards program recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of tourism by members of the 250-member private sector organization. Awards were presented in seven categories, each focusing on a different aspect of the hospitality industry.

Other local winners include: 1 Event of the year - "Pavarotti In Concert" at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Cited for attracting over 10,000 patrons and establishing a Coliseum ticket sales record of \$1.4 million.

Tourism Promotion of the year - Southern Gaming Summit on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Cited for bringing lead-

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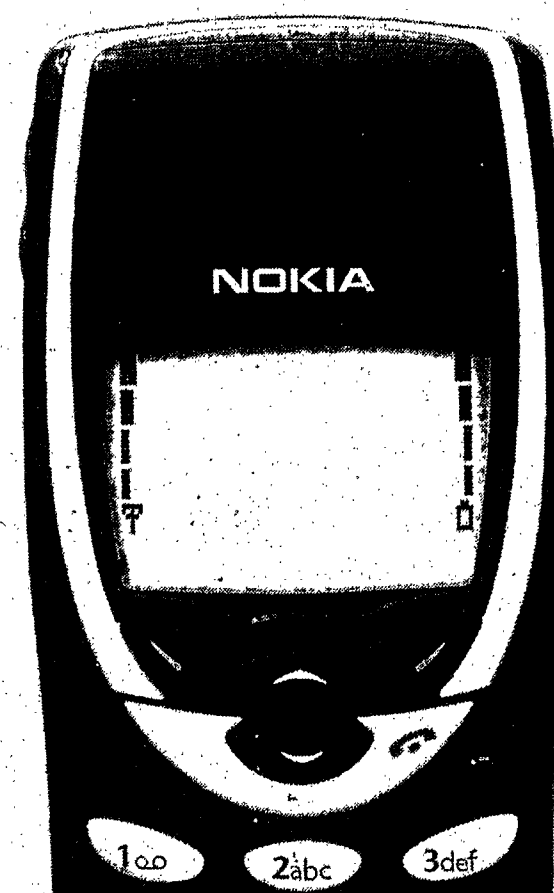
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Entertainment

Dionne Warwick plays Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

Grammy award winner Dionne Warwick is coming in concert to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, Friday, Feb. 16. The show starts at 9 p.m. in the Magic Entertainment Complex. Tickets are \$30, \$35 and \$40 through the Casino Magic Box Office or any Ticketmaster outlet. Over a career that has spanned close to four decades, Dionne Warwick has established herself as an international household name. Her reputation as a hit maker has been firmly etched into public consciousness, thanks to the nearly sixty records that have made the charts since "Don't Make Me Over" began its fateful climb up the charts in the early months of 1963.

As a performer, she has charmed and entertained audiences quite literally on every continent. There are a few important "firsts" that make Dionne Warwick a true pioneer.

You may not know that as the recipient of her first of five Grammy Awards in 1968 (for the classics "Do You Know The Way To San Jose", Dionne became the first black solo female artist of her generation to win the prestigious award for "Best Contemporary Female Vocal Performance" a feat only previously accomplished by one of her own African-American musical "she-roses", the late Ella Fitzgerald.

Dionne Warwick was the first artist to rack up a dozen consecutive Top 100 hit singles from 1963-1966, preceding the mainstream success of some of her musical peers. Warwick also became the first black female pop and soul singer to achieve international stardom.

Her recordings of tunes like "A House Is Not A Home", "Alfie" (Theme from The Valley Of The Dolls), "The April Fools" also made Dionne Warwick a pioneer as one of the first female artists to popularize classic movie themes.

In recent years, Dionne's pioneering efforts have focused on leading the music industry in the fight against AIDS; her Grammy-winning chart-topping single "That's What Friends Are For" was the tip of the iceberg, raising literally millions of dollars for AIDS research.

Captivating audiences with music tailor-made for her unique, distinctive vocal style is something that Dionne Warwick has been doing since Burt Bacharach first heard back in 1960.

Once composer, arranger and

producer Bacharach heard her while doing a session for The Drifters, he asked her to sing on demos of songs he was writing with new partner Hal David. In 1962, Bacharach & David presented one such demo to Scepter Records: the label president Florence Greenberg did not want the song but wanted the voice and Dionne began a hit-filled 12-year association with the New York label.

In all, Dionne, Burt & Hal racked up 30 hit singles and

close to 20 best-selling albums during their first decade of gold. Tunes like "Do You Know The Way To San Jose", "Message To Michael", "This Girl's In Love With You", "I'll Never Fall In Love Again" and "Reach Out For Me" established Warwick as a consummate artist and performer.

Tickets may be purchased through the Casino Magic Box Office by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or any Ticketmaster outlet.

StenniSphere's Astro Camp Saturday still has some spaces available

The next space mission at StenniSphere's Astro Camp Saturday will be "Star Station One" on Feb. 17. Children ages 9-12 can learn about the International Space Station and then design and build their own version of a space station.

Nine slots are still available for this one-day mission at NASA Stennis Space Center's visitor center. The cost is \$50 and includes lunch in the Rockateria and all supplies.

Future Astro Camp Saturday missions are scheduled throughout the Spring.

On March 17, campers go on a Mission to Mars; then on April 21, campers can build and launch their own rockets. On May 19, there will be another opportunity to go aboard Star Station One.

Call (228) 688-2322 or 1-800-237-1821 (Option 1) to register or for more information.

Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame induction ceremony

With the first induction an unqualified success, the Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame is planning its second annual induction. Of the first ceremony, Leontyne Price said of her induction, "This award is made more important by the fact that it is from home, where my career started."

Her brother, General George Price, said, "The event was superb in every way." James Blackwood said, "I felt highly honored to be allowed a part in the function. It was a great tribute to my deceased brothers and me."

The first induction even caught the attention of the national press, including Rolling Stones and Guitar magazines. On March 31, the Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame will hold its second annual induction ceremony. This year, because of the demand for seating, the event is being billed as a benefit concert and induction. The entertainment lineup includes Marty Stuart, James Blackwood, Mississippi Mass Choir, Guy Hovis and the "original" Rolling Stones.

Pat Fordice, former first lady of Mississippi, will also have a part on the program. The Jackson State Jazz Ensemble, with Dr. Russell Thomas, will entertain and serve as the house band.

The Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame is dedicated to honoring this state's great musical heritage and musicians. Last year, 27 famous Mississippi musicians were inducted. Inductees or families were on hand to accept the awards. Thirteen states and one

foreign country were represented in the audience of over 600.

This year, with the outstanding entertainment lineup, it is expected that more than 1,200 will attend the concert and induction. Sixteen will be inducted.

In addition to the ceremony and concert, the Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame will introduce its new book and CD featuring Mississippi musicians. After more than five years of research and preparation, these two items will help inform school children and the public about Mississippi's unique musical history.

The second annual Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame induction ceremony and benefit concert will be at the Jackson Hilton at 7 p.m. on March 31. Tickets are on sale at all Be Bop Records shops for \$40 each, and seating is limited. For information, call 1-601-924-0131.

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